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Tom:

The QASP for Exxon Mayflower looks good. Just a few minor comments.

I will sign off on the QASP for Nic.

1. Section 2.1 - first paragraph: It states that oil flowed west from the break in the pipeline.... this should actually state that the oil flowed east.

Fixed

2. Section 2.1 - second paragraph: It states that the pipeline is buried 24 inches deep.... do you agree with this statement? I'm not sure it was quite that deep.... I thought it was closer to 18 inches from the surface.... what is your opinion?

The initial press release stated 24 inches of burial; later investigation of the by transportation identified the burial depth at the point of the break to be around 18 inches. I added this to QASP:

“The 20-inch pipeline has a capacity of 95,000 barrels per day. The pipeline is initially reported to be buried at a depth of 24 inches with a distance of 18 miles between isolation valves. Once the pipeline was excavated the cover on the pipeline was estimated to be buried at a depth of approximately 18 inches.”

Also, same paragraph, the estimate by Exxon on the volume released is now 5,000 bbl.

“Initially Exxon Pipeline representatives estimated approximately 2,000 bbls of oil have been released. On 06 April 2013, Exxon Pipeline representatives revised the estimate to 5,000 barrels.”

3. Section 3.1.1 - the objective of the sampling is to also fingerprint the oil to help identify the source of the oil.

First sentence now reads:

“The objective of the sampling event is to determine the levels of COCs in the spilled crude oil and fingerprint the oil to help identify the source of the oil.”

4. Section 3.2.1 - please revise to say that samples will also be collected from the pipeline upstream of the rupture area at the Conway pump station.

“The EPA team will collect up to 2 grab samples (including quality assurance/quality control samples, if required) from an area selected by EPA at the pipeline break point and 2 grab samples from the Conway Pump Station, upstream of the rupture area. Samples will be placed directly into pre-cleaned sample containers. At the break site the samples will be collected from a siphon pump used to extract the crude oil from the pipeline. At the pump station the samples will be collected from the drain on a pipeline pump.”

thanks

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